

Amendment No. 1 to SB0705

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 705

House Bill No. 50*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause of the printed bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the general assembly to encourage the department of health to implement an initiative to establish culturally appropriate programs to ensure that high-quality relevant services are provided to individuals who are most at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and least likely to receive necessary care.

SECTION 2. There is created a joint legislative study committee to study the disproportionate impact that HIV/AIDS has on the African-American community. The committee shall examine the need to develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive, culturally sensitive HIV prevention plan targeting communities identified as high-risk in terms of the impact of the disease on African-Americans.

SECTION 3. The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the house of representatives and three (3) members of the senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

SECTION 4. The department of health, the office of minority health and any other appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the joint legislative committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 5. All legislative members of the joint legislative study committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 6. The joint legislative study committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 7. The joint legislative study committee shall only meet on days when the house of representatives and the senate are otherwise meeting in session or committee.

SECTION 8. The joint legislative study committee shall, in consultation with the department of health, provide an interim report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the one hundred sixth general assembly no later than February 15, 2010.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.